Ayes

1	Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon	17	Mr. P. Achyutha Menon
2	„ C. R. Iyyunni	18	„ K. M. Ibrahim
3	Mr. C. R. Iyyunni	19	„ A. L. Antony
4	„ A. B. Salem	20	„ K. Ashtamoorthi Namboodiripad
5	„ P. K. Madhava Menon	21	„ C. Kunjan Nambudiripad
6	Dr. A. R. Menon	22	„ C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiripad
7	Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar	23	„ K. R. Achyuthan
8	„ V. J. Mathai	24	„ B. M. Peter
9	„ V. N. Damodaran Nambiar	25	„ N. Govinda Pai
10	„ V. K. Bhaskara Menon	26	„ C. J. Luiz
11	„ C. K. Nayar	27	„ S. S. Koder
12	„ C. V. Iyyu	28	„ T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar
13	„ T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar	29	„ K. R. Ramakrishnan
14	„ M. K. Devassy	30	„ N. V. Subbarayan Chetti
15	„ T. P. Poulose	31	„ P. K. Krishnan
16	„ K. S. Panicker	32	„ V. K. Kutty

Noes

1	Mr. P. V. Raphael	6	Rama Varmah Tampuran
2	„ V. K. Aravindaksha Menon	7	Dr. T. Verghese
3	Rao sahib I. N. Menon	8	Mr. C. J. Mathew
4	Mr. M. Raman Menon	9	„ K. Karunakaran Nayar
5	„ A. Madhava Prabhu	10	„ Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur

The motion is carried, 32 voting for and 10 against.

CUT MOTION No. 3

Sale of text books

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Sir, I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,816 for Direction and Inspection by Re. 1.* My object is *(to bring to the notice of Government that the text books are sometimes sold at prices higher than those fixed by Government.)*

Sir, we have been listening to the hardship that the parents are experiencing in these days in the matter of their children's education. Here is still another instance of that kind. When the Text Book Committee or the Government prescribes a book they also fix the price for which these books should be made available and should be sold. They also fix the quality of the paper and insist upon many other conditions. I do not want to go into those details. As a matter of fact the books are sometimes at prices much higher than the prices fixed by the Government. Sir, I shall take one instance, the Arithmetic book for the Third Form class. The price fixed by the Department is 12 annas and you will find on the book it is printed even as 14 annas. I don't know how. I found several books. I found from the Gazette that the price of the book is only 12 annas. As a matter of fact I can show you hundreds of books where it is printed 14 annas and I know as a matter of fact that they are sold at 14 annas unless the student knows the rule and makes a protest before the book-seller. There are other instances. I forgot the name of another English Book. The price is fixed at 7 annas but it is sold at 8 annas It is coming from Madras. I can also tell the Government that books are sold on an average at the rate of 1 anna in excess per rupee. I therefore say it is a matter over which the Government should exercise some more control over the suppliers of these books. The Government knows that it is really a patronage extended to a particular section of the public and they are certainly enjoying a monopoly. For instance, a copy book which is priced at 1 and a half anna if you allow others to compete they will give you the same copy book with better paper for a much-lesser price. Sometimes 50 per cent and sometimes 20 per cent less. I am bringing these things to the notice of the Government just to show that the Government are giving a monopoly to a particular section of the public and they are making huge profits from it. But let them not take undue advantage of that at a time when every man is adversely affected on account of the war. I therefore submit that the Government should immediately make a searching enquiry and bring all these delinquents to book.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Sir, I rise not to dilate upon the point but to point out to the House the unanimous expression of the condemnation of the public as shown by the voting on the last motion.

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Mr. President: It is irrelevant.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Anyhow I do not proceed upon that. I may express then that on this point there is a strong feeling in the country that the poor parents as well as the poor pupils are being exploited for the benefit of a few who wax rich upon the spoils of the very poor. The point was made by Mr. Warriar. Therefore it is to emphasise the point made out by Mr. Warriar which has been borne in upon us by personal experience that I have stood up and I hope the Government will institute an enquiry in this matter and see that proper redress is made.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North):* Is this statement based upon facts, Sir?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The complaint that some books are being sold at prices higher than those fixed by the Government is true. I have received this complaint.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether on the book that has been sold in excess of the price fixed by the Government it is printed 14 annas instead of 12 annas. If so, it is a serious thing because it is an open defiance of an express order of the Government.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I have no information.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* It is a fact. Unfortunately I have not brought the book. I have got it with me.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North):* When was it brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Member.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It was brought to my notice about last week and I have handed it over to the Inspecting Officer to go to the spot and find out what precisely was the reason. It was priced at 7 annas 6 pies and it was being sold at 8 annas.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North):* Can we rely upon the Government to take the necessary action in the matter?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Certainly. Otherwise the Government will stand self-condemned. I can assure the Hon'ble Members that whenever a matter of this kind is brought to the notice of the Government by anybody it is not necessary that it should be by the Hon'ble Members of this House who has been aggrieved by the infraction of the rule the department will take the most stringent action. It will be absolutely deterrant.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Sir, in the light of the assurance given by the Hon'ble Member for Education I do not wish to press this motion to a division. I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 4

Recruitment or promotion of teachers

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,816 for Direction and Inspection by Rs. 2.* The object is *to recruit or promote in future either Intermediates or those who have secured at least 1st class for S.S.L.C. Training Examination as teachers of English Schools and restrict the promotions to the Lower Secondary Department from the Primary Department only to such teachers who have the qualification referred to above both Government and aided services.*

The purpose of this motion is to have more efficient tuition in English which has considerably gone down because of the vernacularisation of studies which I do not approve *(Hear, hear)* and also for the using of Malayalam as the language for medium of instruction. The motion itself is sufficiently clear and I do not want to waste the time of the House.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* It is not clear.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It is sufficiently clear for any clear-headed person. Please read it well.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I am muddle-headed *(Laughter).*

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Pity! I will explain.

The recruitment to the English Primary Schools should be restricted to those who have higher education in English above the standard of S.S.L.C. It must be at least restricted to Intermediates or those who have shown some merit in their professional education. So also in the case of promotion to the Lower Secondary Department from the Primary Department what is done generally now is to give promotions to S.S.L.C. trained teachers. This also should be restricted to those who are more efficient and qualified. The idea is to restrict promotions to Intermediates or S.S.L.C. trained candidates who have got 1st class in the training examination.

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